

Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Abuja, Nigeria

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The U.S. Mission to Nigeria, which includes the U.S. Embassy in Abuja and the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos, issues the following warden message to inform U.S. citizens in Nigeria on the recent violence taking place in parts of Nigeria. The U.S. Mission has temporarily deferred travel of government personnel to states experiencing violence in the aftermath of the April 16 presidential election. Attacks have reportedly become more frequent and widespread, particularly in Nigeria's Northern states. U.S. citizens should exercise caution and observe vigilance at all times. Some states have implemented curfews and additional states may follow suit as well. Also, U.S. citizens should be aware of higher than normal police and military presence across much of the country, with traffic stops and road closures becoming more common.

The U.S. Mission will provide additional information as soon as it becomes available. We continue to advise all U.S. citizens to review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Embassy in Abuja or the U. S. Consulate General in Lagos at the numbers below.

You can stay in touch and get U.S. Mission updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Abuja web site (<http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/>). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_987.html). If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates -- 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Abuja (<http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/>) is located at Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive, Central Business District, Abuja; the local number is 09-461-4000. If you are calling from the United States, please dial 011 [234] (9) 461-4000. E-Mail: ConsularAbuja@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call: 011 [234] (9) 461-4000 and ask to speak with the duty officer.

The U.S. Consulate General is located at 2 Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos. American citizens can call [234] (1) 460-3600 during office hours (Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). For after-hours emergencies, call [234] (1) 460-3400 or 0805-301-0268. The e-mail address for the Consular Section in Lagos is Lagosacs@state.gov.